

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Chapter 504 of the Transportation Code authorizes the creation of specialty license plates by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) or in statute.

S.B. 1271 directs TxDMV to create a specialty plate that includes the words "Keep Austin Weird," a motto in frequent use for nearly two decades to promote local small businesses.

As proposed, S.B. 1271 amends current law relating to the issuance of Keep Austin Weird specialty license plates.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.671, as follows:

Sec. 504.671. KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates that include the words "Keep Austin Weird."

(b) Requires the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs to be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.